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The true Translation of what passed at the assassinate
 Enterprize against the French Ambassadour and
 his Lady at Rome the twentieth of
 August last.

FOrasmuch as for some time immediately after a
 tumultuous disorder, all the discourses thereof
 are usually confused: It is necessary (if I may
 so speak) to let the news rest a little; that so it may
 have time to purifie it self; and seeing it is not easie, in
 the heat of an accident newly happened, that the
 first relations should be most true in all their circum-
 stances; it is from the seconds that we must draw the
 certain discoveries; the knowledge of which truth
 having obliged the Duke of Crequin, Ambassadour
 extraordinary for the King of France at Rome, to
 make careful inquisition, in what manner all things
 passed in that Enterprize that was there acted; the
 roll past against him and the Embassadrix his Wife:

after an exact examination of all that hath been said thereof, by those of each party, two things have been observed; one, that many particulars of small concernment happened, somewhat different to what was first written, which is very ordinary in such encounters; the other, that by many circumstances the business was yet more enormous then was at first advised, which is a thing unusual; the first rumour for the most part heightning and aggravating things above what they really are: to the end therefore that you may not want the very exactness in a business of this nature, it is thought fit to write this second relation, whereby the Reader, without doubt, will be astonished to see that in a City where the Spirit of peace should rejoyce, there hath been done contrary to the inviolable security of the publick faith, and right of Nations, an action so unheard of, that endeavours have been to assassinate in *Rome* persons whose quality is owned for sacred even in *Constantinople* it self; and that in the place where the head of the Church resides, there hath been committed against the eldest Son of the Church, in the person of his Ambassadour, an attempt whereof there hath not been any example amongst the very Infidels.

On *Sunday* the twentieth of *August* about six of the clock at night, four men, which yet are unknown whether they were French men or not, and four Souldiers *Carfes*, having quarrelled together at the end of the Bridge called *Pente septe*, and having drawn their Swords, were presently parted by

by a Frenchman, who came by, and caused them to put up their Swords into their sheaths. In this posture they went on upon the Bridge, where being about the middle of the Bridge, there came to them eight or ten other Souldiers, who joyning with the four first, fell upon the five pretended Frenchmen, who presently putting themselves on their defence, forced their passage over the Bridge in despite of the Souldiers, and withdrew themselves hard by the Ambassadors stables. Some of the Ambassadors household Servants, with some of the Grooms, going out at the noise, and seeing people pursued with drawn Swords, beat back the Souldiers; but a great number coming, the Ambassadors people were driven back with musket-shot, even within the gate of the Pallace *Farnese*, where he dwelt. There was hardly then six persons in the house, the most part of his Gentlemen being gone abroad to walk; or to Duke *Cesarini's*, who had invited them to supper; the Ambassadrix being gone to her devotion at *St. Bernard*, and the Ambassadour also gone forth to see the Princess *Borgbese*: Returning from whom, having taken leave of those that accompanied him, he came back with a very small train to his house, and went in on one side just at the same time as the Souldiers had beaten in his men on the other; As soon as he understood what past, he sent two or three Gentlemen to cause them to withdraw; and they were no sooner out for this purpose, but seven or eight bullets were shot at them; then, as if the signal had been given, all the retainers to the Pallace were seized on by the *Corfes*, who came thither with drums beat-

ing, and placed thereabouts in a moment eight or ten Courts of guard. The Ambassadour at the news thereof went up into a Balcony, and presently they discharged many shots at him; whereof one killed an Italian under the windows of the Pallace; and after, for the space of an hour and an half, they ceased not to shoot from all parts; whereof there are yet many marks on all sides of the Chambers. In the mean time, in all other parts of the City, the Souldiers likewise put themselves in Armes, crying that the Horse should advance to charge the French, amongst whom three Gentlemen of the Ambassadors, having been set upon near the Pallace that is called *d'Espagne*, half a league from thence, had been killed; if they had not saved themselves at the Cardinals of *Arragon*.

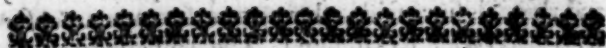
But it was not the Souldiers only that took Armes; the Sbirres or Sergeants themselves, to shew that all was done by expresse order, armed themselves also; and they which never shot on any occasion whatever, wounded in the place *Navone*, a Gentleman of the Ambassadors with a Musket in the belly; one of his Lacquies on the other side received a shot in his body, whereof he is dead; and his Pallace remained beset near three houres, without permitting any person to stir. The Ambassadress her self coming from Church, and being yet far off from her house, was stoppt near *Saint Charles de Geinari*; but it is too little to say she was stoppt, seeing they endeavoured to kill her; the Souldiers that kept that post, having let passe the Coach of her Gentlemen, discharged se-

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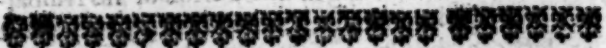
veral shot at hers, killed a Page in the bout by her
 an Italian, who a little before believing himself safe
 by the Coach of the Ambassadrix of *France*, had
 advanced himself; out of curiosity to see her, was
 wounded & besides another of her Lacquies with a
 Crosse-bow shot upon the head. It is so amazing a
 deed, that one could not have dreamt that there
 should have been thoughts of such an attempt on
 the person of an Ambassadour and his Lady; one
 is even loth to speak it; but who can be silent, when
 on the one side we see her assassinated in this manner;
 and on the other, it is evident, that they shot at him,
 and that it is since said, there were seventeen ~~of~~
 who had order to kill him! The Ambassadrix was
 constrained to divert half dead, and to save her
 self at the Cardinal d' *Ester*, where seeing there was no
 safety for her to go forth, she stayed a long time, and
 till she was reduced to capitulate with the Ser-
 geants to let her passe. The Cardinal conducted
 her home himself, marching in his Chair just before
 her Coach.

Behold here a true Narration of the thing as it
 passed, whereof the Ambassadours that were at
Rome, and all Persons of honour uninterested, can
 freely bear witness. Notwithstanding after this
 offence done to a King in the Person of his Amba-
 sadour, which cannot be expiated but by very great
 satisfactions, the Court of *Rome* hath used no endea-
 vours to make any; yea she endeavoureth presently
 to palliate the business by Artifices and Disguise-
 ments;

ments; and publickly in a little time she will take the confidence to go further, and to seek Reasons to justify it; but his Majesty hath this advantage, that if they do not give him the satisfaction which is due to him, and which he may expect, he is in a capacity to right himself.



Two



Two letters of the King; One to the Pope; the other to
the Cardinals; both dated 30. August, 1662.

Most Holy Father,

Our very Dear and Well-beloved Cousin the
Duke of *Breigni* our Extraordinary Ambassa-
dor, having given us to understand the assassinat com-
mitted on his person, and on Our Ambassadrix, and
all the *French*, which were found the 20. Instant in
the streets of *Rome*, at the meeting of your Holiness
guard of *Corfes*: Wee have presently sent order to
our said Cousin to depart out of the Ecclesiastical
Territories, to the end that his Person, and our Dig-
nity may not longer remain exposed to such attempts,
whereof to this day, there hath been no examples
amongst the very *Barbarians*; and wee have at the
same time ordered Mr. *De Barlemont* Auditor of the
Roteto know of your Holiness, if you approve of
what your Soldiers have done, and whether you
intend or not to make us satisfaction proportionable
to the greatness of the offence, which hath not only
violated, but unworthily overthrowne the right of
Nations. Wee demand nothing of your Holiness in
this affair; you have made it so long a custome to
refuse us every thing, and have demonstrated to this
day

day such averſion, to that which reſpects our Perſon and Crown, that we judg it better to leave theſe reſolutions to your own prudence, according to which we ſhall regulate ours; wiſhing only that thoſe of your Holineſs may be ſuch as may oblige us to continue to pray to God, that he would conſerve (moſt Holy Father) your Holineſs in the Government of our Mother the Holy Church.



My Couſin, the aſſaſinat committed the 20 inſtant, on the perſon of my Couſin the Duke of *Crequi* my Embaſſador extraordinary, on his Lady, and on all the *French*, the Corſe grand of the Pope could meet with that day in the ſtreets of *Rome*, is added ſo enormous in all its circumſtances, that neither any age, nor any people, how barbarous ſoever they have been, can furniſh any example, when the right of nations hath been ſo ſo inhumanly violated and overturned. As you are a worthy member of that holy body, which is the natural counſel of the Pope, I have commanded Mr. *De Barlemont* Auditor of Rote to viſit you on this account, to let you know the juſt reſentment that I have of ſo great an offence, to the end that your contributing thereto, as I doubt not but you will readily doe what is in your power, may cauſe me to obtain a reparation proportionable to the proceſs of the injury; If your Officers

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Officers find themselves unable for this, there can be nothing (after this diligence) imputed to me of all those evils, and following mischiefs that this business will draw after it, whereof I will protest (what ever happens) to be fully discharged before God and men; and referring my self to what further shall be represented to you by word of mouth, by the said Mr. *De Fourlemont*, I pray God to have you my Cousin, in his Holy and Worthy protection.

Written from *St. Germain*.



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